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Utah Department of Health Executive Director to Serve on State Alliance for e-Health

SALT LAKE CITY – Dr. David N. Sundwall, executive director of the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) has been appointed to serve on the newly-created National Governor's Association (NGA) sponsored "State Alliance for e-Health."

The Alliance will serve as the central voice for state-level health information technology (IT) issues and address challenges and opportunities states face with regard to interoperable exchange of electronic health information. The State Alliance for e-Health also offers an unprecedented opportunity for states to advance the creation of a nationwide network for health information exchange.

"This appointment reflects Utah's reputation as a national leader in electronic health data reporting and management," Sundwall said. "I look forward to sharing with other states the progress Utah has made in e-Health and bring back opportunities for advances here at home."

The group will meet quarterly (beginning in January 2007) to address state-level health IT issues, including barriers to interoperability, privacy and security issues, and state law and regulatory barriers to health IT related to the practice of medicine.

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The mission of the Utah Department of Health is to protect the public's health through preventing avoidable illness, injury, disability and premature death, assuring access to affordable, quality health care, and promoting healthy lifestyles.